

COUNTRY East Germany Approved For Release 2006/11/13 : CIA-RDP82-00457R015800090005-7TOPIC Schorfheide Airfield

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1. [REDACTED] the construction project at Schorfheide airfield was designated W-101. The first construction stage, which would cost 50 million eastmarks, was to be completed by 15 December 1952. Work on the second construction stage with the same cost estimate as the first stage was to start on 16 December 1953. The contract for the construction of the airfield was given to the Bauunion Brandenburg, Tiefbauabteilung II (Subsurface Construction Section II).

2. On 25 October, a new airfield was under construction about 12 km southeast of Templin. The field bordered on Vietmannsdorf to the north and Lake Gross Gollin to the east. Its southern border was about 2 km north of Grossvaeter, and the western border was about 1 km east of Grunewald. Uprooting of woods which had started in the summer was completed. A spur track beginning at the Vogelsang railroad station extended about 300 meters south of Grunewald and about 1,500 meters south of Vietmannsdorf. The Vietmannsdorf-Gross Doelln road was cordoned off and guarded by Soviet sentries. Construction work at the field was to be done by the Brandenburg Bauunion. The main construction work was scheduled to start in the spring of 1953. [REDACTED] at the field, the runway was staked off for a length of about 3,000 meters.

3. Between 13 and 29 October, the number of German workers at Schorfheide airfield was increased to about 800, not including about 120 engineer soldiers from the camp at Lake Grossvaeter, 120 newly arrived engineer soldiers, and about 50 air force soldiers. A total of about 1,100 manual laborers were employed at the field.<sup>1</sup>

4. The staked off strip in Jagen (forest districts) Nos 193 through 197, was being excavated to a depth of about 10 cm. Two excavating machines which were not yet used were available. More excavators were expected to arrive. Work was nearing completion on the five temporary buildings in Jagen 125. Some workers were constructing a cement shed or several small shed in Jagen 192 where an area 80 x 100 meters was staked off. Work on the barracks buildings in Jagen 126 progressed slowly.<sup>2</sup>

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5. The construction staff of the Brandenburg Bauunion moved from the temporary building in Jagen 125 to a temporary building in the northern section of Jagen 127. A forced entrance was made the latter building during the night from 10 to 19 October. Allegedly, nothing was stolen. As a consequence of the forced entrance more lamps were set up, and the guard was increased from 1 to 3 men who were accompanied by watch dogs.

1. [ ] Comment. The newly arrived engineer soldiers were previously reported by the same source [ ] Although the number of workers was increased work will still progress slowly
2. [ ] Comment. According to a previous report, the scheduled runway which is staked off in stations 1 through 39 extends in forest districts (Jagen) Nos 193 through 197. [ ] Information was previously received on the temporary buildings in Jagen No 125. [ ] The construction of both a mess hall in forest district No 192 and temporary buildings in Jagen No 126 was previously reported [ ] For location of forest districts, [ ]

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